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IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 12, 2008 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** beginning on page 2.

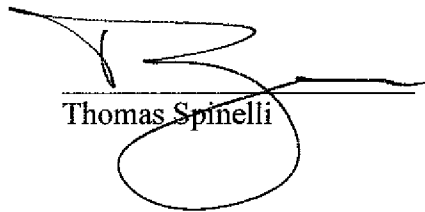
Remarks begin on page 6.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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